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## RECENT ELECTIONS.

The result of this week's elections emphasizes the fact that the way the people vote at one election is no indication of the way they will vote at the next. Cincinnati, which gave a Republican majority of 20,000 in November, four months later elects the entire Democratic ticket, and McKinley's own town of Canton elects a Democratic mayor by a plurality of 400. Had Ohio voted in November as she has in April it is estimated that Bryan would have carried the state by 50,000 majority.

In most of the cities of Michigan the November vote was reversed and even Detroit, the home of Governor Plingree, elected a Democratic mayor. Chicago, however, presents the most notable change. Its overwhelming majority for the Republican candidate for president is transformed into a plurality of 7,000 for Carter Harrison, fusion candidate of the Populists, Democrats and free silver Republicans.

That the independent candidate of the municipal reform element, Mr. Harlan, should attain second place after so hotly contested a fight, polling 67,000 votes, cannot fail to prove encouraging to all friends of the movement to make the conduct of municipal affairs a business matter rather than a political one.

While the friends of good government failed to elect their candidate for mayor they were successful in defeating a number of the worst ringsters in the city for election to the council. In St. Louis the Civic Federation did not fare so well, having made the too common mistake of endorsing one of the partisan candidates. The men named by the organization were defeated in almost every instance.

If the country voters were as quick to change as those in the cities, revolution in state and national politics would cease to cause any surprise. It is frequently the case, however, that by the time the rural voters get in line with the urban population on public matters the latter is about ready for a new tack. Political sentiment changes more rapidly in the cities and more violently.

## RELATED FIREWORKS.

Percy Daniels' whooping crusade against "inordinate wealth" has of course stirred up the eastern press again. The eastern press does not know that these outbursts from Percy Daniels, or from shooting Oakes, or Cyrus Corning or "Chief Justice" Right-cire mean nothing. There are a number of Corning of "Chief Justice" Right-cire are perpetually issuing "addresses." These addresses used to sound terrible, but Kansas has learned long ago that they are mere vapors. The Populists, who are already beginning to bark, they had everything their own way; "and they didn't do a thing." The noisy members of the Populist party are really the worst feature of it. They give a bad name to the whole. Percy Daniels' "crusade" is merely of the last explosion of left-cire fireworks late in the night of the fourth of July. It doesn't mean anything. That it is taken seriously, or at least eastern plutocratic papers pretend to take it seriously, is shown by the following in the New York Commercial Advertiser:

Kansas seems bent upon completing her revolution. She has already betokened her opinion of herself in the world at large which it would take years of sane reflection to express. The Populists have assassinated her credit. Now their evident purpose is to destroy all the lingering belief in her sanity. They have already begun to utter a grand raid upon what they choose to denominate "inordinate wealth." It does not appear that they have yet hit upon an exact definition of this term, or upon a principle which may serve to indicate whether a certain degree of wealth is ordinate or inordinate. The phrase sounds well to their ears, and they will try to make it sound better to the multitude. It is really but only a phase of communism slightly more plausible than the original one. Having begun to put it in operation in their own state, their next move is to attempt to impose it upon all the rest of the country. They aim to incorporate their idea of "inordinate wealth" in the federal constitution, and have established literary bureaus with the object of getting up petitions to this effect to be presented to congress.

The term "inordinate wealth" implies that there is some wealth that is not inordinate. What, then, is the Democratic-Populist demagogue of Kansas professing to mean that it shall escape the new species of tax which they propose. "Inordinate wealth," they evidently intend, shall pay tribute to them until it shall be so reduced that it is merely "ordinate."

## "EX RAYS."

Perhaps the millennium is closer at hand than any of us imagine. A chewing gum factory has suspended. A chewing gum factory has suspended. A chewing gum factory has suspended.

The Kaw river is high enough now so that it is able to accommodate catfish of the heaviest draught as far up as the Bowersock dam. Lawrence Journal.

The situation in Greece is now in the shape of a pool of fire. A cat has been seen untried for about two days. Wichita Eagle.

There is something sublime about the faith of the man who leaves his umbrella in the vestibule of the church. Arkansas City Traveler.

The King of Siam will visit the United States next summer. He will be accompanied by his wife and children. A. A. Majors.

It is generally considered desirable to be "in the swim," but the people along the Mississippi have probably gotten over it. Hutchinson News.

The "Father of Waters" gets pretty full on straight aqua. Ottawa Republican.

That airship fellow is mighty exclusive; but then, he naturally feels himself above other people. Ottawa Republican.

They continue to have blizzards in the northwest while Kansas is getting on her spring suit preparatory to the next season's business. Since Noah was a sailor. Arkansas City Traveler.

Weather Indications. Chicago, April 8.—For Kansas: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight with frosts; fair with warmer in west portion; brisk northerly winds.

## HER FACE IS HER FORTUNE.

Falling Star Is a Favorite Model in New York Studios.

Falling Star is in great luck. Less than two months ago she was a friendless and almost penniless Indian woman, alone in New York city and pining to get back to the little village of Luzerne, up among the Adirondacks, where her invalid mother and the few remaining members of her tribe live. She had gone to the metropolis on a basket selling expedition, which had been a financial failure.

In her distress Falling Star turned to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, the friend



FALLING STAR.

and helper of all Indians in the east. She wanted Mrs. Converse to advance money on her baskets. That lady looked at her critically and asked her to take off the cheap hat which she had donned to meet the requirements of civilization. Next she asked her to let down the massive coils of blue black hair which were piled on her head with native grace. Wonderingly she complied.

"You have a fortune in your face," at length remarked Mrs. Converse.

Then she took Falling Star up to the American Art League school and proposed her as a model. Her services were eagerly accepted, and she was booked for a long engagement. Other art schools asked for her time, and now many artists are begging her for sittings. She no longer sells baskets for a few pennies, but spends more money on her art than she does on her baskets. Sculptors have modeled her, and a cast of her head is to be placed in the American Museum of Natural History.

The reason for Falling Star's popularity among the artists is that she is such a fine type of the aboriginal woman. Her features are classical in their Indian purity, and she has that intensely mournful expression so characteristic of the race. But it is not for the departed glory of her people that she has become famous. She has a more personal nature. She was born and brought up in the Abenaki Indian village of St. Francis, near Montreal. There she lived 20 years, learning to make moccasins and weave baskets.

Financially the prospects of Falling Star are very bright. She is the prime favorite in New York's artistic circles and makes more money than she ever dreamed of possessing, besides being petted and admired by hundreds of enthusiastic art students.

## ALL AN OLD STORY.

Mrs. Holbrook Says There Is Nothing New In Our Vaunted Civilization.

"There is nothing new under the sun," quotes Mrs. Amelia Wood Holbrook, an energetic, quick witted member of the Chicago Woman's club. True, Solomon said this some time several thousand years ago, but it takes somewhat more courage to say it today, in what is termed an age of wonderful inventions. Mrs. Holbrook agrees with Solomon and is ready to prove that he spoke for all time.

She has prepared a lecture which she delivers upon the slightest provocation, and in it she demonstrates that many of the so-called modern inventions are old as the hills. She makes no exceptions, and although she does not mention them all, she declares that she will find an ancient prototype for any alleged new invention that can be mentioned.

"Roentgen rays," scornfully exclaims Mrs. Holbrook. "That's the first thing people think of in answer to my challenge. Now! Why, the same discovery was exploited in 1846. I have a magazine containing an account of how a Greek inventor exhibited before a gathering of French scientists in that year a machine which he called an antheroscope, by means of which he utilized electric rays so that he could see through opaque bodies.

The nickel in the slot device was used by the priests of the Greek polytheistic re-



MRS. W. HOLBROOK.

ligion 500 years before Christ. Priests in India used the telephone 2,000 years ago and mystified their followers by hearing what was said a mile away. The new woman movement was in full blast over 250 years ago. The married women in Poland got together in 1635 and demanded equal rights with their husbands, and 50 years later they obtained them. The use of tobacco, credited to the moderns, was common among men of prehistoric ages. The electric telegraph was invented in 1774, and incandescent lighted oil chimneys for homes in 3800 B. C. The bicycle is centuries old, and in 800 B. C. Archimedes built a ship which was 40 times larger than the Great Eastern."

These are some of the statements with which Mrs. Holbrook has startled the Chicago people, who thought they were strictly up to date. She says she has many more up her sleeve, too, and if any one wants to hear them they can just get her to lecture.

# RAILROAD NEWS.

P. I. Bonebrake Contributes Some Interesting History

On the Early Struggles of the Santa Fe Road.

COL. HOLLIDAY'S HAT Once Delayed an Excursion Over 20 Minutes.

The First Jaunt to Pauline in a "Borrowed" Car.

Mr. P. I. Bonebrake, president of the Central National bank, known as much about Topeka as anyone in the city. To a Journal reporter today he gave the following reminiscence of the Santa Fe railroad and its origin:

Many of our people do not know that the first stroke was made on the Santa Fe road was done right here in the city of Topeka. Col. Holliday was partially insane on the subject of building a railroad to the south-west, and he was so much that others of the old settlers were affected with the same complaint. Finally, after much talk, a company was organized, and some Cincinnati people took hold of the work. They had but little money, but Shawnee county proposed to help along, and voted \$250,000 in bonds to aid in starting the project, \$100,000 to be given when the road was completed from Topeka to Atchison and \$150,000 when completed to the south line of the county. The bonds were voted and the work commenced.

The commencement consisted of a party of old settlers going with spades and shovels to the point near the river bank, near where the shops now stand, and throwing up a mound of dirt. Upon this mound Col. Holliday took his stand, and with hat off, proceeded to predict that "that road will reach the mountains, the Sevier and the Pacific ocean." The crowd, of course, all laughed at what they considered a good joke. They expected that some time the road might reach the mountains, but no one was more sanguine than that.

"This little beginning on the town site of Topeka was the beginning of the great railroad system which now comprises 10,000 miles, touches the lakes on the east, the Gulf of Mexico on the south and the Pacific ocean on the west. That road has done more to develop Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California than all other causes combined, and it has done more to build better than they knew."

"The first excursion on the new road was from Topeka to what is now Pauline, Kan. The train consisted of a little locomotive, a passenger car, a baggage car, a coal car, a water car, and some flat cars. A big time was had. Water being scarce in those times, other refreshments were substituted, and the crowd was convinced that the 'Santa Fe' was the greatest road on earth. The next excursion was had when the road reached the south line of the county, when like conditions and like results followed as the first time.

The second excursion took place when the road was completed to Atchison. On that occasion Col. Holliday had just returned from the east with a brand new silk hat, the kind that at that time in Kansas attracted attention. The ozone in the atmosphere on the trip to Atchison so exhilarated the colonel that at the first halt he ordered the waiter who took the brand new hat and hid it, and it cost the train a 20 minutes' delay and a \$100 fine. The colonel, however, held at the depot until the party could persuade the waiter to give up the hat.

Many interesting things have been written about the building of the Santa Fe, but there is a vast amount of things connected with the trials and tribulations of the promoters and builders of the road which are not generally known. To appreciate the march of development and civilization, we have but to contrast the condition of the people and country before the advent of the 'Santa Fe Route' runs today with that of 28 years ago, the date of its birth.

When the road was first started, the country was a vast, unbroken expanse of prairie, with a few scattered homesteads and a few small towns. The people were poor and the country was wild. The road brought civilization and commerce to the country, and it has done more to develop the country in less than three days. Viewed from a standpoint of 50 years ago, the true story of the road is a wonderful tale of the 'Arabian Nights.'

The information was furnished by Senator Polk, Spanish vice consul for Jacksonville, and the affidavit states no time or place at which the alleged offense was committed.

He is said to have sworn to the information at the direction of Minister De Lome of Washington. The prisoners were sent to the city of St. Paul, Min